

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant | : Hamdan Halimaton | |
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| Examiner | : Daniel S. Metzmaier | |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2010, please amend the claim as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. A complete listing of all claims pending in the application is included in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121. This response is timely filed within the extension of time requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.